

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and abstract have been amended to improve form and to provide improved correlation with the drawings and claims. These changes are the same as provided in parent application, Serial No. 08/385,441. Claims 37 through 41 are pending, and claims 1 through 36 and 42 through 45 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter is presented in this Preliminary Amendment.

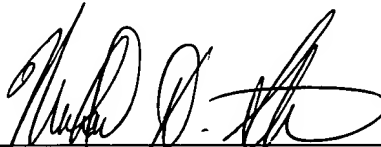
In view of the foregoing amendments, arguments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our deposit account number 19-3935.

Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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